

### REMARKS

In the Office Action dated January 19, 2005, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

**Group I:** Claims 1-10 and 12-21      “numerical values having integer & fractional portions”

**Group II:** Claim 11      “real numbers having decimal & fractional parts”

#### Election/Restriction.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-10 and 12-21, with traverse.

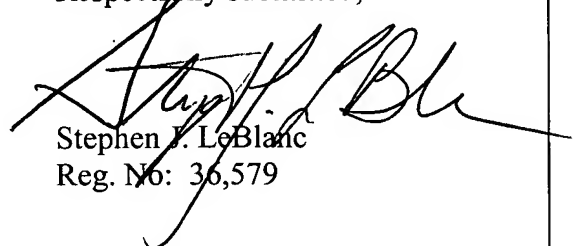
#### Basis of Traverse

The Examiner acknowledges the relationship of the claimed inventions by indicating that all of the inventions are in the same class, class 708, and subclass, subclass 490. Applicant believes the Examiner's restriction is made on the basis of a difference in terminology and had amended a term in claim 11 in response. This amendment is not made for the purpose of overcoming any outstanding rejection to any claims and is therefore not intended to limit the scope of the claims under the doctrine of equivalence.

If the Examiner continues to maintain that Groups I, and II cannot be examined together, Applicant requests a telephone conference with the Examiner. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 769-3508 to conduct such a conference.

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#### Attachments:

- 1) A transmittal sheet;
- 2) A receipt indication postcard